Bible & Daily Living

God's presence

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
GOD EVER PRESENT
Lesson for November 13, 1983
Bible Study Passages: John 14:25-26; Romans 8:9-17, 26-28

Introduction

There are many circumstances in life when the presence of a helper would be most appreciative. Christians have such a helper! God never intended to originate his creation and then leave it alone. In other words, he did not start a project and then "walk off" and leave it.

God is ever-present with his people. His spirit indwells and helps us face the trials and tragedies of life. God's help comes to us in the form of a spirit-helper. The term paraclete literally means "one who stands alongside." This is a fit description of God's spirit as one who "stands alongside."

Sometimes we refer to the spirit of God as "Holy Ghost." I've never liked that term. God's spirit is not a ghostly apparition that "floats" above the earth, visiting here and there. God's spirit is his comforting presence in the ills and pains of life. This week's lesson will focus upon the spirit of God as Comforter and Sustainer.

Christ's Promise Not To Leave Us [John 14:25-26]

When Jesus faced the closing scenes of his early life, he made provision for his followers. He told his disciples that, upon his departure they would receive a "Comforter." This "Comforter" would actually be the indwelling presence of Christ. Following his departure the disciples would receive the same power that he received as God's Son. This spirit-helper would continue to instruct and guide.

The spirit-helper would grant them authority in Christ's name to proclaim and perform acts of ministry. This spirit-helper would also act to remind them of important truths that should never be forgotten.

The Spirit Within [Romans 8:9-17]

While the Apostle Paul was not present in the upper room, he soon learned the significance of the spirit's power in his own life. Paul had a great deal to say about the life of "flesh" and the life of the "spirit."

Some consider the presence of the spirit as a kind of "second blessing." These are anxious to point out that one receives the spirit of Christ as a second attempt. But the scriptures are clear that possession of Christ's spirit accompanies the events of conversion.

The spirit Jesus spoke of is literally his own self! Paul did not distinguish between Christ and his spirit as if they were two separate identities. Christ and his spirit are one. Paul emphasized the impact of Christ's spirit in an individual's life. When we accept Christ we receive both his spirit and the gift of becoming God's children, heirs of a future glory.

The Spirit Who Intercedes [Romans 8:26-28]

There are no perfect prayers or perfect people. Our prayers tend to be fumbling efforts to communicate with God. Thankfully, the spirit intercedes to balance our efforts "with groanings which cannot be uttered" by human thought. The spirit is once again always present to run interference for us when our efforts to pray are thwarted.

Prayer does not always come easy for the believer. Fancy words and places are not what matter to God. He wants us only to utter that which comes from the "gut" or "heart."

We can depend on God. This is the message throughout the scriptures. "All things work together for good to them that love God..." God's ultimate and sovereign control will bring all things (not some things) to work for our good. God's spirit is always at work to bring order and blessing out of disorder.

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Church Calendar of Events

Benefit Stew

SATURDAY, NOV. 12

A benefit stew for Linda Booth, who was injured in a farm accident recently, will be held at the Rocky Spring Baptist Church on Route 648 in Spout Spring, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

Concert Set

SUNDAY, NOV. 13

The Pleasant Valley Men's Chorus will be at Mt. Airy Baptist Church for a concert at 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend. The concert is sponsored by the Junior Choir.

Family Day

SUNDAY, NOV. 13

Family and Friends Day will be held at First Baptist Church of Appomattox, with Sunday School starting at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service at 1 p.m. A special program will be featured at 3 p.m. The Rev. Timotheous Lawing will be guest speaker. Other talented persons from the community will be featured. Families, friends and co-workers are invited. Proceeds will benefit the building fund.

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Jordan Baptist Church news

Senior Choir practice Thurs., Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Womack.

Don't forget our preaching service Sunday, Nov. 13., at 5:30 p.m. This service is a very important part of our ministery.

The Senior Choir will practice Nov. 18, 1983, at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Webb.

The Ladies' and Men's Clubs will meet Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

On the third Sunday in November at 3 p.m. The Usher Board will celebrate their anniversary. Guest for this program will be the Golden Jubilee from Richmond and the Southern Jubilee from Nathalie, Va.

On the fourth Sunday in November at 7:30 p.m. the Senior Choir will be sponsoring their annual harvest festival.

Zion Baptist Church news

By SUSIE HUNTER

Sunday, Nov. 6 was a beautiful and sunny day at Zion Baptist Church. The Rev. H. O. Flood, guest minister, led the service. Our pastor, the Rev. Charles Lewis, is on vacation during the month of November.

The Rev. Flood preached a challenge message, "Pick up the broken pieces." The Senior Choir rendered beautiful music.

The Ladies Aid organization will meet Sunday at 2 p.m. at the church. On the third Sunday in November, the Rev. Rodney Allen will speak at 11 a.m. On Thanksgiving Day, the Rev. Monroe Watson will be at Zion Baptist at 11 a.m., with his choir.

Our sympathy goes out also to the family of Robert Johnson, formerly of Pamplin, who died in West Virginia recently. He was the brother of Ralph, Frank and Eunice Johnson of Pamplin.

The Rev. Charles Lewis observed his fourth anniversary at Zion Baptist Sunday at 3 p.m. Mrs. Jane Byrd was MC, and the Slate River Baptist Church choir provided special music.

Canaan Baptist Church news

Regular worship services will be held at Canaan Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 11:30 a.m. The rev. C. L. Elliott will be in charge of the service. The Canaan Echoes will render music. All members are reminded to bring a contribution for the Rescue Squad donation.

There will be a Christmas Play rehearsal on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. All of those interested in participating are urged to attend.

The Scruggs Family Anniversary that was scheduled for the third Sunday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. has been postponed until a later date.

Springfield Baptist Church news

A four-way sermonette will be held at the Springfield Baptist Church, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. Speakers for this sermonette will be the Rev. C. L. Elliott, The Rev. James Miller, The Rev. Horace Montique, and The Rev. Darnell Mays. The Peaceful Grove Community Singers will render the music.

The Golden Trumpeteers of Appomattox, will be in concert of the Sprinfield Baptist Church Nov. 13, at 3 p.m.

Mt. Shiloh Church news

You are invited to attend morning worship services at Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Sunday. The Rev. Raymond Turner will be guest spaker.

Evening prayer services will be held Friday at 7 p.m. Please come out and join in prayer with your neighbors.

Plans are underway for an annual Thanksgiving service and fellowship dinner. Please see Mrs. Margaret Ferguson, chairperson of the Food Committee for your contribution.

The Appomattox Voters League urges you to vote for the candidate of your choice in Tuesday's elections, but do Get Out And Vote.

Gravel Hill Church news

By FLOSSIE WALKER

The Gravel Hill Baptist Church-Usher Board will celebrate their fifth aniversary Nov. 27 at 4 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Yullie of Rustburg, who will appear with his choir.

On Nov. 13, the Rev. Robertson will preach at Gravel Hill, sponsored by the Rev Earl Jones.

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Carsonette Garrette Maphis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle N. Garrette of Concord, Va., was married Nov. 12, 1983 at Greene Memorial United Methodist Church in Roanoke. Va. to William Peter Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Hamilton, Jr., of Roanoke, Va.

Carsonette and Billy will live in Roanoke, where the bride is employed as a staff assistant for United States Senator, Paul Trible and the groom is employed as the Associate Tennis Pro at Hunting Hills Country Club.

Mrs. Nader Afsharzanjani

Miss Layne is wed

The marriage of Miss Bonnie Kay Layne to Nader Afsharzanjani took place on Saturday, Nov. 5, at two o'clock in the afternoon at Liberty Baptist Church.

The pastor of the church, Dr. Daniel E. Scott, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The church was decorated with candles, palms, and arrangements of fresh flowers.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Layne, Jr., of Appomattox, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mohammad Afsharzanjani of Tehran, Iran.

Mrs. Joyce Vaughan, organist, presented a program of nuptial music.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She wore a gown of white satin accented with lace and rosebuds, the skirt ending in a cathedral train. She wore a matching picture hat and carried a bouquet of silk, white, dusty rose, and burgundy rosebuds.

Miss Sheila Mayberry, friend of the bride, was maid-of-honor. She wore a mauve floor-length gown and carried a matching bouquet.

Miss Sharon Taylor, friend of the bride, was bridesmaid. She wore a gown identical to that of the maid-of-honor and carried a matching bouquet.

Miss Tammy Cumbie and Miss Mary Harden attended the guest register.

The wedding was directed by Mrs. June Chernault and Mrs. Edith Scruggs.

Mr. Billy Talbot, friend of the groom, of Silver Springs, Maryland, was best man.

Ushers were Fred Burnette, friend of the bride, and Rassoul Zanjani, nephew of the groom.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length gown of sheer beige lace and chiffon with matching jacket and added a coordinating corsage.

Following the ceremony the parents of the bride were hosts for a reception in the fellowship hall of the church. Mrs. Barbara Gowin and Mrs. Lucy Price, both aunts of the bride, presided at the punch bowl. Mrs. Kathy Blackwell and Miss Patricia Harden, both cousins of the bride, served the wedding cake.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and attended the John Robert Powers School of Fashion Merchandising in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, receiving a diploma in fashion merchandising.

The bridegroom graduated from high school in Tehran, Iran. He attended Prince George Community College in Maryland and is currently employed as a maintenance engineer in Rockville, Maryland.

For her going away outfit, the bride wore a rose-violet dress with navy accessories. She added a corsage of pink and burgundy rosebuds.

After a honeymoon the couple will live in Rockville. Maryland

Luncheon honors Miss Paulette

Mrs. Louise Parris was hostess for a bridal luncheon in honor of Miss Cathy Paulette on Saturday, Oct. 22, 1983 at the Heritage Inn.

In attendance were Mrs. Martha Paulette, mother of the bride-elect, and the bridesmaids of the wedding party. Cathy was presented with a corsage of yellow daisies accented with baby's breath and a lovely gift of china. Complementing the table was an arrangement of pink carnations and daisies.

The marriage of Miss Paulette to Mr. Kevin Dominic Haskins will be an event of Nov. 12, 1983.

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Shower honors bride-elect

Miss Catherine Ann Paulette was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower on the afternoon of Oct. 30, 1983 in the home of Mrs. Mary P. Goin. Hostesses for the shower were Mrs. Mary P. Goin, Mrs. Sue M. Ramsey, and Mrs. Cindy G. Thomas.

Miss Paulette was presented with a pink carnation corsage and a gift of china by the hostesses.

Those in attendance included Mrs. Martha Paulette, mother of the bride-to-be, and Mrs. Arlene Stratton, sister of the bride-to-be.

Parties honor couple

Miss Bonnie Layne, bride-elect, was honored with a bridal shower when her cousin, Mrs. Ryland Mann, entertained at her home on Oct. 23. Co-hostess for the occasion was Miss Patricia Harden, cousin of the bride-to-be.

Guests attending included relatives and friends of the couple.

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On Friday, Nov. 4, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Layne, Jr. entertained with a buffet luncheon at their home honoring their daughter, Miss Bonnie Layne, and her fiance, Mr. Nader Afsharzanjani and out-of-town guests including a brother and nephews of the groom-elect.

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On Friday evening the bride and goom-elect, attendants, and out-of-town guests were honored with an after-rehearsal dinner at The Heritage Inn.

The Layne-Afsharzanjani wedding took place on Saturday, Nov. 5 at two o'clock in the afternoon in the Liberty Baptist Church.

Will sponsor dance

The Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Board will sponsor a Thanksgiving Dance Nov. 25 at the Avalon, to raise funds for next year's railroad festival.

Tickets to the dance will be sold in advance, beginning next week. There will be no tickets sales at the door.

Further details on the ance will be published in next week's Times-Virginian.

Hours set

Red Hill Shrine, near Brookneal, will close one hour earlier from November 1 to March 31.

During this period, the historic site will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MARIA DAWN BEASLEY, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Beasley, Sr. of Appomattox, was crowned "Ambassador Photogenic," and New Lynchburg Little Princess" in the Lynchburg Little Princess Pageant and Autumn Beauty event Oct. 16 at the Holiday Inn South in Lynchburg. She was also named first runner up in the Autumn Beauty competition, and received trophies and banners for all three titles.

Orchid show is planned

The Blue Ridge Orchid Society will sponsor an Orchid Show on Saturday, Nov. 12 and Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Central Fidelity Bank in Lynchburg (828 Main St.)

Good New For Homemakers

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent, Home Economics

This is Part I of a three-part article on casseroles--how to create your own and how to freeze.

Casseroles with their quick convenience for busy homemakers seem space-age up-to-date to most people.

Actually, casserole cookery began over 200 years ago in France. The term "casserole" developed about 1725 from "casse", a utensil used by European cooks for cooking stews and other large amounts of food.

The cause, which hasn't changed much since ancient times, is squat with bulging sides, has easily grasped round handles and a slightly arched lid.

Casseroles are grand time savers since they bring together into one dish a main course; bind it with a sauce and seasonings and pop into the oven with little effort. Since they are an excellent way to use leftovers, casseroles help keep the family budget in trim.

The very finest of ingredients can go into casseroles - or the lowly leftover. Whether they are served at a dinner party or an outdoor barbecue casseroles have one distinct advantage - they are easy to prepare.

Most casseroles are made by simply combining ingredients in a single casserole dish and baking. There's no bother of mixing in several bowls before putting into the baking dish. And best of all, casseroles don't need to be watched during cooking.

Economically ideal for casserole cookery are leftovers or any of the less-tender cuts of meat. These less-tender cuts, which are likewise less expensive, are perfectly adapted. They demand long cooking at low temperatures, just as most casseroles do.

To really save time, make two casseroles today, and freeze one for another day. Most casseroles can be frozen right in the container in which they are cooked. Later, heat the casserole in the same container and take it right to the table.

Casseroles are especially appropriate if unexpected guests arrive for dinner. Take a casserole out of your freezer, heat and serve it while you chat with your guests.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8244 or write P.O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to help you.

Have a good week!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Spaghetti Meat Loaf

1 lb. ground beef -- Add 1 can Spaghetti with cheese sauce
Add: ½ cup onion
½ cup green pepper and/or celery
1 t. salt and pepper (each)
Add: ½ t. dry mustard
2 cups corn flakes

Sprinkle top with salt and pepper and top with catsup. Bake 1 hour and 15 minutes-- temperature 350°F.

This recipe is deliciously different; you may wish to add additional seasonings which suit your taste buds.

Annual food fair set

St. Anne's Episcopal Church on Oakleigh Avenue will have its annual food fair on Saturday, Nov. 12 starting at 11 a.m.

Fresh home-baked pies, rolls, cakes, loaf breads will be for sale along with a variety of home-made jellies, jams, pickles, and relishes. These will be real country treats for hard-to-please folks on your gift list.

A delicious buffet luncheon will be served featuring cheese souffle, chicken crepes, shrimp quiche, frozen fruit salads, aspic, tossed salad, hot rolls and a choice of home-made pies.

An added feature will be a gift corner with unique novelty items for sale; some of which are one-of-a kind. Everyone is invited to come and browse, buy or just visit with us next Saturday. Since all of our baked goods are baked fresh and from "scratch", it's a wonderful opportunity to buy for your freezer and save until Thanksgiving or Christmas. Hope to see you on the 12th!

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Culinary Comments by Emil

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Today each nationality has its own idea of the proper brew — ranging from dark Italian to spirited Irish to traditional American. Whichever type you prefer, remember coffee is a "divine" way to finish off your dinner at Emil's.

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